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Governor Announces Resignation of Ed Gleason

MADISON – Gov. Jim Doyle announced today the resignation of Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Ed Gleason. Mr. Gleason, a resident of Muskego, has lead Wisconsin Emergency Management since October 1999.

"I would like to thank Ed for his years of service, dedication and leadership to emergency management. He has served the citizens of the state of Wisconsin through many difficult times including numerous tornadoes and severe storms, five presidential disaster declarations and the terrorist attacks on 9-11," said Gov. Doyle.

This summer, 44 counties are under a federal disaster declaration as the result of damage caused by tornadoes, flooding and severe storms. More than 4 thousand people have applied for disaster aid. In the last five years, Wisconsin has received six Presidential Disaster Declarations and one Snow Emergency Declaration, providing more than \$70 million in federal disaster relief.

"Thanks to the efforts of Ed and his staff at Wisconsin Emergency Management, our state has received much needed federal disaster relief following the wrath of severe weather in recent years," said Gov. Doyle. "I wish Ed well in his future endeavors."

Previously, Mr. Gleason served as Commander, Coast Guard Group Milwaukee responsible for all Coast Guard operations on the western half of Lake Michigan. Also, while in the Coast Guard he served as military assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, where his work laid the groundwork for the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996. This legislation improved the airlines response to the need of families of airline crash victims. His resignation is effective September 1, 2004.